



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT
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AUXILIARY OUTREACH
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*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

This past weekend I attended a gathering of Churches, Food Banks, Food Pantries, after School Programs and Community Shelters. The need is immediate. I live in the Fox Valley, consisting of several small towns including Appleton. I never imagined that as many as 500 homeless adults are wandering our streets. 30% of the adults are working and living in their cars, the rest are suffering from mental health issues, alcoholism and drugs. Of that total, 300 are school age children. These children get a free bag lunch every day from a food pantry. The school provides the names. Think about how close you are from being in their place. Sr. citizens are fast becoming a large part of this group. Low- income housing is greatly needed in EVERY community.

Every community has this problem. They are all looking for volunteers. Please visit your Village, town and city halls to get the names of places that could use your help. Ask your churches in your area who is looking for volunteers. Please have your auxiliary members get to the places who do have a need for help. Remember to vote on it at your meeting. Wear your uniform with pride, show the world who we are. Compassionate members of the VFWA.

I found out the shelters need blankets, sleeping bags, basic toiletries, non-perishable food, toilet paper- individually wrapped, safe parking, winter boots, socks, children's clothing for all school age kids and for all ages and genders.

Due to a lack of low-income rental facilities, a lot of these people had to move to their cars. It's only getting worse. Fair housing rental rates are in great need.

This is my plea to get us involved in our communities. Please do what you can. As your Outreach Chairman I will be doing my part.

Have a Happy Holiday season. Be committed in the Spirit of Rising to Lift Others.

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